

## TO AVOID PAYMENT

Insurance Companies Would Not Pay Losses.

## IN THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE.

Disposition Shown by Many Insurance Companies to Avoid Paying Policy Holders Who Lost Everything They Possessed in Disaster.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—That the insurance companies which manifest intention of resisting claims and evade payment of losses sustained by policyholders in the great fire here by resorting to legal technicalities will be marked companies and may meet with drastic action in some states is indicated by the tenor of replies received by insurance Commissioner E. Myron Wolf in response to his appeal to the insurance departments of other states to assist him in compelling the insurance companies to deal fairly with their policyholders in the present crisis. Commissioner Wolf yesterday received the following official communication from Sam P. Davis, state controller of Nevada:

"I understand that some of the eastern and foreign companies are proposing to crawl behind technicalities in the matter of adjusting losses in San Francisco; that where houses were dynamited to stay the progress of the flames—houses which in the natural course of events would have been swept away by the fire a few minutes later—they will refuse to pay the insurance."

"Now, it appears to me that the act of destroying these buildings was alone what saved the rest of the city from total destruction and no doubt protected these companies is to be made a pretext on their part to evade their just obligations in settlement of their San Francisco liabilities. It is prima facie evidence to me that the companies resorting to these technicalities are dishonest, and on a proper showing of these facts I will revoke their license in Nevada."

The Speyer contract carries no subsidy, but a perpetual franchise. The Philippine Railway Company also has a perpetual franchise, and the government of the islands guarantees five per cent interest upon 95 per cent of the actual cost of construction for a term of thirty years.

## WATER FAMINE UNLIKELY.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Health Officer D. F. Ragan reported to the board of health yesterday that San Francisco is no longer in danger of a water famine and that within a few days the entire water supply will be in a normal condition again.

According to Dr. Ragan's report, the big 44-inch Crystal Springs pipe, which was broken for 3000 feet, has been repaired and there is flowing into San Francisco now about 26,000,000 gallons a day, which he considers amply sufficient, providing there is no waste.

It is all right to talk about beauty habits, but most women are too busy hustling and have no time to cultivate beauty habits. Therefore they take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Sold by Frank Hart.

## WARNING!

## To Clean Up Premises.

Mayor Wise announces that on June 7th will expire the time of grace allowed by the city to property owners, in which to clean up their premises. The city authorities are determined to see to it that the streets and yards, back and front, are relieved of all rubbish and filthy debris, and if owners of property do not obey the order and ordinance in this regard, there will be something doing for them in the way of contributing a liberal fine toward the city's running expenses. The fine is not less than \$50, so that cleaning up is easier on the pocketbook, than allowing the property owned by you to remain in its present condition. The chief of police has been instructed to arrest any person after June 7th who has not complied with the city's mandate. This order is no bluff. Get Wise! Clean Up!

## WAGES ARE RAISED.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The Masons' and Builders' Association has raised the wages of bricklayers and bricklayers' helpers. Commencing May 21, bricklayers will receive \$7 per day of eight hours, and helpers \$4 a day. This is an advance of one dollar a day for bricklayers and fifty cents for helpers in a statement that has been issued, the builders' association declares the supply of this kind of skilled labor is inadequate to the demand and that it has been found necessary to take this action as an inducement to journeymen to come and help in the rebuilding of the city.

L. Hadley, secretary of the Journeymen Bricklayers' Union, is of the opinion that there are enough bricklayers here to supply the demand existing but many of them are temporarily engaged in repairing chimneys.

## KILLED THE HORSE.

NEW YORK, May 18.—A cable dispatch to a morning paper from Paris, says:

James Watson, an American, has been arrested as the result of a remarkable street scene. A bicyclist was knocked down and badly injured by a heavy vehicle, the driver of which drove off.

Watson, who was riding on a passing omnibus drew a revolver and shot the horse, thus preventing the driver's escape. Mr. Watson was taken to the police station and held. He offered to compensate the owner of the horse.

Watson is a resident of Denver. The magistrate released him on bail. His revolver was restored to him because its calibre did not exceed that of revolvers that are allowed to be carried here without taking out a license.

The main charges against Watson are firing a revolver on the public highways and cruelty to animals. He achieved his object in shooting the horse, the arrest of the driver, who is detained.

## Postmaster Robbed.

G. W. Fouts, postmaster at Riverton, Ia., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter, which says: "For twenty years I had chronic liver complaint, which led to such a severe case of jaundice that even my finger nails turned yellow; when my doctor prescribed Electric Bitters; which cured me and have kept me well for eleven years." Sure cure for Biliousness, Neuralgia, Weakness and all stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bladder derangements. A wonderful Tonic. At Charles Rogers' drug store. 50 cents.

## Church Notices

## Norwegian M. E. Church.

Rev. C. Aug. Petersen, the pastor, will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m., Albert Carlsen, superintendent.

## First Lutheran Church.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; morning service in Swedish at 10:45; evening service in English at 8 o'clock. At this service the pastor will speak on the theme, "Prayer as a Communion With God." A cordial invitation to attend this service is extended to the public.

## Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. "Ambassadors": Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m.; evening worship, 8 o'clock. Materialism or Faith—Which? The third of the series on "The Arena." Male quartet.

## Baptist Church.

"The Building and List of Character," and "The Man With a Conscience," are the subjects to be discussed in sermons tomorrow at the Baptist Church. All other regular services will be offered as usual. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

The steamer Despatch was an early get-away for San Francisco, yesterday, crossing out at 5 a. m.

The steamer Telegraph came down on the dot yesterday and left up at 2:30 p. m., with fair business both ways.

The Lurline is hugging her schedule closely these pleasant evenings and left up last night with the following people in her cabin: H. S. Paige and Senator J. G. Megler.

The motor schooner Gerald C arrived in from Alsea yesterday morning with fifty tons of general merchandise on board.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn arrived from San Francisco early yesterday morning, and stopped long enough at the Elmore pier to discharge 800 sacks of salt before heading up river for Portland.

The three-masted schooner Halcyon got away over the bar yesterday on the hawsters of the bar tug Wallula. She is headed for La Paz, Mexico, with a fine load of lumber from the Clatsop mills.

The steamship Numanitia, which was expected from "far Cathay" on Wednesday last, was not in sight off the Columbia at sundown last night. She is likely to have in sight at any moment however.

The sea going motor launch Berswick of the W. R. Hume milling company at Rogue River, California, which was forced to come to Portland for camp and ship supplies by reason of the San Francisco fire, left out yesterday morning for her home berth.

The handsome "U" oil line Argyon came down from Portland late yesterday evening and went to the lower bay and will probably get despatch for the California coast on this morning's flood.

Captain Merriam, of the steamer F. A. Kilburn, reports that he was delayed at Eureka on the way up by the inshore drift of hundreds of logs and piles, an almost certain indication that the steamer Francis H. Feggett did not succeed in rounding up her broken raft.

The four-masted schooner Virginia, which sailed from San Francisco on May 11th, sailed in over the bar last evening at 6 o'clock, and anchored in the lower harbor. The Virginia will proceed to Portland to load lumber at the Inman-Paulsen mills for San Pedro.

The fine steamship Breakwater, of the Spreckles' line, arrived in from San Francisco at high noon yesterday, with forty-five passengers in her cabins, and nineteen in the steerage. Among the former were Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Loux, son and daughter, who disembarked at this city, to become the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tagg, of Commercial street. Miss Lucille Loux another daughter arrived here some weeks ago and is domiciled at the Tagg home. The Loux family were great sufferers in the San Francisco cataclysm having lost everything they had in the world. They

have a son in business at Seaside and will make their home with him in the near future, at least for the summer, or until Mr. Loux can program his career again.

## COMING HOME TO DIE.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The Herald today says:

With the highest speed that a special train can make, Charles F. Lambert, general passenger agent of the West Shore Railroad is borne homeward from Florida that he may see his relatives and friends before he dies.

For a year or more his health has been failing and several weeks ago his physicians told him that if he would prolong his life he must give up all official duties and go away for perfect rest.

Reluctantly he gave up his duties and went to Bradenton, Fla. The chance did not bring the desired improvement. Instead he became steadily worse and yesterday his physicians informed him that if he wished to die in his home and among his friends he must get back to New York as soon as possible. A special train was at once placed at his service.

## ATTACKED BY MOB.

CHICAGO, May 18.—While the body of Harry Sturm, 8-years-old lay under the car which had killed him last night, the motorman and conductor had to defend themselves from an angry crowd of nearly a thousand people. The traction men sought refuge in the car after they had been beaten by the men and women who were roused by the death of the boy. Heavy details of police rescued the car men after all the windows in the car had been broken.

The car was west bound in Fourteenth street when at Union street, it struck the Sturm boy. The motorman said the boy walked deliberately in front of the car, apparently not seeing it and was struck before he could stop.

## JAMES MOORE ILL.

NEW YORK, May 18.—James H. Moore of Chicago, brother of William H. Moore of this city, has been confined to his bed since Sunday at the Holland House, with a severe attack of nervous prostration. It was announced last night that his condition was greatly improved and that he would be well enough by tomorrow to go to Chicago.

James H. Moore and his brother are the controlling factors in the Chicago, Rockland & Pacific Railway.

## HOT IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 18.—New Yorkers had a touch of midsummer weather yesterday. The mercury ranged between 60 and 80 degrees, reaching the latter mark at 2 p. m.

A case of heat prostration was reported from Bellevue last night. Patrick Tierney was staggering in Madison avenue shortly after 6 o'clock. He was taken to Bellevue, where it was said he had little chance of recovery.

## AN ASTORIA CASE.

## Many More Like it in Astoria.

The following case is but one of many similar occurring daily in Astoria. It is an easy matter to verify its correctness. Surely you cannot ask for better proof than such conclusive evidence.

D. E. Duncan, who is employed with his brother at the Astoria Soda Works, 426 Duane street, and who resides at the corner of Duane and Ninth streets, says: "I suffered from a weakness of the back and kidneys for a number of years. There was a constant dull aching pain in the loins and as far up as the shoulders. Not only did my back ache but there was a weakness from the kidney secretions which was very annoying and disturbed my rest. I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills and one day I stepped into Charles Rogers' drug store and got a box. I found them to be a great benefit. After the first few doses felt better. I know of others who have used them with the same good results."

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## BUILD RAILROADS

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## CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED

Several Hundred Miles of Track Will be Built at an Expenditure of About Thirty Million Dollars.

CHICAGO, May 18.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald, from Washington, says:

The arrangements for carrying out the plans of the government for a system of railways in the Philippines are about concluded, and the last of the contracts will be signed in a few days. They involve the construction of several hundred miles of track and the expenditure of about \$30,000,000, most of it within the limits of the islands. The project recommended by a commission of engineers while Secretary Taft was governor general will be followed very closely with a view to the development of the great natural resources that are now inaccessible, as well as providing suitable transportation facilities for those sections which are most thoroughly settled and cultivated.

Contracts for about 400 miles of track in the island of Luzon have been agreed upon by Secretary Taft and John G. Milburn, attorney for James Speyer & Company, the well known bankers of New York; the terms have been approved by the Philippine commission at Manila and the papers will be signed as soon as they are received. Contracts for 300 miles of track in the islands of Panay, Negros, and Cebu have already been signed by J. G. White & Co., of New York, representing a syndicate incorporated under the title of the Philippine Railway Company and composed of that firm, Charles M. Swift of Detroit, Cornelius Vanderbilt of New York; Mr. Wilson, president of the Lincoln Trust Co., New York, Heidelberg, tekelheimer & Co., and the International Banking Corporation.

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